

Minutes of the 39th PAB Meeting under ICPS held on 15th March 2012 to discuss the financial proposal of Mizoram

The 39th PAB meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development on 15th March 2012 to discuss the financial proposal for release of grants for 2011-12 under ICPS for Mizoram. The List of Officials attending the PAB is annexed.

2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the officials present and requested the Dy. Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Mizoram to present the progress of ICPS in the State along with the financial proposal for ICPS. . A copy of the presentation is at Annex-A. The Dy. Director, DSW, Mizoram stated that more than 80% of the population of the State lives in Aizawl district in Mizoram. The status of various interventions under ICPS was presented with respect to the projected outcomes of the Scheme as under:

3. SERVICE DELIVERY STRUCTURES:

It was informed by the State that the SPSU, SCPS and DCPU has been set up and the staff has been appointed in January 2012.. The State is in the process of setting up SARA as the Government Order for setting up SARA is awaited. It is expected to be set up by April 2012.

The State reported that it has completed the trainings for all the functionaries of ICPS, CWCs and JJBs. Majority of these trainings have been provided by local academic and training institutions. One training to the CWC members has been given by NIPCCD. While complimenting the initiative of the State the Chairperson suggested that the structured training module developed by NIPCCD should be used for trainings and it was noted by the PAB that there should be no compromise on quality of the trainings delivered.

It was informed that the State has modified the formats for profiling of children and need assessment given by the Ministry based on their local requirements. The DCPS is working towards collecting information across the districts along with the anganwadi workers. It was felt by PAB that the AWW should not be involved in this work as she already has enough work of her own and does not have requisite understanding of child protection issues. . The State has been advised to hire enumerators or outsource this exercise as there are budgetary provisions for the same under ICPS.

4. STATUTORY SUPPORT SERVICES:

The State informed that the CWCs and JJBs have been constituted in all the 8 districts and data entry operators have also been appointed in all CWCs and JJBs. All the CWCs and JJBs are provided with necessary furniture and equipments. The CWCs function in rented offices. The JJB of only Aizawl and Lunglei sit in the campus of Observation Homes at these are the only observation Homes in the State. There are 20 cases pending at CWCs, however, no case is pending for more than 4 months.

It was noted by PAB that only 79 cases have been taken up by JJB during the year and two sittings per week of JJB may not be required. PAB suggested that the requirement of JJBs should be rationalized. Also population is mainly centred in only one district i.e. Aizawl. The number of pending cases before JJB is not going to be same in all the districts. The State reported that the State Government review the functioning of JJBs itself.

The State also informed that Special Juvenile Police Units have been set up in all 8 districts and each district has a designated juvenile welfare officer.

5. INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

Govt. run Home:

The State reported that of the four government run Homes, two Homes cum Special Homes at Aizawl and Lunglei are run under one roof, without separate infrastructure and staff. Member, NCPCR also reiterated that there is space crunch in the present homes and children had to sleep on floor as there is no space for cots. There are no separate facilities for boys and girls and the buildings are old and in depleting conditions. Hence, new buildings need to be constructed for which grants were requested. This was agreed to by the PAB in principle. However, Chairperson advised the State to propose smaller Homes keeping in view the anticipated utilization.

NGO run Homes:

The State informed that there are 22 Children Homes run by NGOs with little or no support from the Govt. so far. They are all registered under the JJAct. The PAB inquired into the educational and vocational training facilities for children at these institutions. It was informed

that education is being imparted in all these homes. Two homes have High Schools within their premises and four homes have Middle Schools. Other Homes send their children to nearby schools. However, vocational training is imparted in only 2 special homes. The Chairperson suggested that tie ups should be made with Vocational Training Providers through the Labour department and other Govt. Departments such as Tribal Affairs so that market driven trainings followed by a certificate can be provided.

The PAB has asked the State Govt. to inspect each of the 22 NGO run Homes and check for facilities for living, education, vocational training, health and recreation along with the staffing pattern available. A Performa for institutional management /improvement shall be given to the State for the same by NIPCCD.** The Secretary, MWCD also suggested that the report of NIPCCD on the institutional care in the State shall be shared with the State to give specific comments.

The State requested for 4 new shelter homes to be run by NGOs. The State informed that the State shares borders with Bangladesh and Myanmar and there are high incidences of trafficking of children and women and, thus, shelter homes have been proposed in Champai and Lunglei districts. The 3rd shelter was proposed in Aizawl district.

The State also presented the concept of Motherless babies Home in the State where motherless children below 6 years are sent by the single fathers who find themselves unequipped to handle such small children. When the babies are about 6 years old or in some cases 4 years old, they are handed back to their fathers. PAB asked the State to set up a system for follow up after restoration, through DCPUs.

6. NON INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

The State requested grants for one government run and 3 NGO run SAA, though no grant was asked for one RIPA. PAB asked the State to enter data into CARINGS program. The State reported of poor internet facilities at the districts. The AS, MWCD suggested that the State should collect the information and enter the data at the State Headquarters. The State reported that Foster care has been provided to 127 and 115 boys and sponsorship support to 36 girls and 31 boys as on 1st January 2012.

7. CHILDLINE –

It was reported that Child line was established in 2011-12 in only Aizawl & Mamit districts. The State shared that public and other NGO's working in the field are not aware of Child Rights & Protection. The State plans to conduct awareness and sensitization programs in the State in the coming year as the State Action plan has been prepared.

8. BALANCE/UNSPENT AMOUNT: ***

It was reported that only 62.39 lacs could be spent from the grant received in the year 2010-11. The unspent amount is 113.46 lacs. The State has requested to release the grants for this year.

9. DECISIONS TAKEN BY PAB: The following decisions were taken and approvals granted by PAB:-

The State presented that Rs. 62.39 lacs remains unspent from the central share of Rs. 113.46. It was decided to carry forward the amount to the next financial year. The adjustments between sub heads for each component of the Scheme shall be sorted out by Finance department at the MWCD. If, adjustment in the sub heads is permissible, than the same may be communicated to the State. If not than the said amount will be deducted from this year grants.

9.1 SERVICE DELIVERY STRUCTURES:

- The State was asked to immediately set up SARA.
- It was decided to approve the recurring grants for the Staff of SPSU, SCPS and DCPS for 3 months only.

9.2 STATUTORY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- The recurring grant for CWC and JJB was approved for year 2011-12.

9.3 INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

- .The sanction of grants for the 22 NGO run children homes will be subjected to submission of inspection report from the State. In principle approval was given.

- The PAB decided to approve the 3 new Shelter homes. 2 on the Bangladesh and Myanmar border areas in the district of Champai and Lunglei which will be run by Government and one for Aizawl, the most populous district in the State.

9.4 NON- INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

- .The recurring grant for 1 ACA is approved till March 2012.
- Recurring grants for 1 govt. and 3 NGO run SAA in the year 2011-12.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.